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SUBJ: OCEAN SHIPPING: TURKISH RESTRICTIONS

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1. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR (ACTING DCM) SEPTEMBER 29 CALLED ON PEKER, DIRECTOR GENERAL, TURKISH TREASURY DEPARTMENT, TO DISCUSS GOT SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS. E/COM COUNSELOR CAREFULLY REVIEWED POINTS IN PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5 OF REF A. PEKER INDICATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PERFECTLY THE POINTS RAISED BY E/COM COUNSELOR AND SAID THAT HE WOULD PASS THIS INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY TO ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF TREASURY GUVEN, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED TO ANKARA FROM PARIS. PEKER RECALLED THAT IN MEETING SEPTEMBER 19 (REF B) GUVEN HAD GIVEN ASSURANCE THAT SOME MEANS WOULD BE FOUND TO ELIMINATE THE OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES OF THE GOT COMMUNIQUE REGARDING CARGOS. PEKER WAS STILL UNABLE, HOWEVER, TO SAY WHAT ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN BY GOT OR HOW SOON.
2. E/COM COUNSELOR ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THIS MATTER

TO ATTENTION GUVEN ON SEPTEMBER 26 FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE CONSORTIUM FOR AID TO TURKEY WHICH BOTH WERE ATTENDING AT PARIS. THE TURKISH RESTRICTIONS WERE ALSO RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TURKISH CONSORTIUM DURING THE CONSORTIUM MEETING EARLIER THAT SAME DAY. GUVEN STATED IN THE CONSORTIUM MEETING THAT GOT IN ADOPTING THE CONTROVERSIAL REGULATIONS HAD NOT REPEAT NOT INTENDED TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY COUNTRY OR SHIPPING COMPANY.

3. E/COM COUNSELOR HAS APPOINTMENT THIS EVENING WITH HAZAR, DIRECTOR BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO DISCUSS SAME SUBJECT. MFA HAS THUS FAR ENCOURAGED EMBASSY TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH TREASURY IN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN KEEPING MFA INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SITUATION. MFA MAY BE READY TO PLAY MORE ACTIVE ROLE NOW BECAUSE OF PROSPECT OF RETALIATORY ACTION BY U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION BY REVOKING WAIVER ON EX-IM BANK-FINANCING CARGOES WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.
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